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- The purpose of this exercise is to use comment best practices to select the best comment.
- Exercise is meant to be fun and interactive
- It can be done as a large group (over 10) or small group (under 10)

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- SMALL GROUP NEEDS
  - A copy of the 10 contestants comments and scoring sheet for each participant (Judge)
  - A copy of the 10 contestants comments printed single-sided and the rules for facilitator (Emcee)
  - Small rectangular table with multiple chairs on one side and on chair on the other
  - Writing instruments

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- SMALL GROUP FLOW
  - Each Judge receives a packet of contestant comments including a scoring sheet
  - The Emcee has an unbound single sided packet for table display
  - The Emcee presents the rules
  - The Judges take time to review all contestants
  - Each round is conducted; the Emcee removes contestants from the table as Judges eliminate them as a group
  - ATR Idol is selected during Round 4
  - Emcee facilitates a group discussion if time

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- LARGE GROUP NEEDS
  - Laptop with projector
  - Screen
  - PPT file for the facilitator (Emcee) to run
  - Scoring sheet for each participant (Judges)

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- SMALL GROUP FLOW
  - The Emcee presents the rules and goes thru each contestant slide using the PPT
  - Each round is conducted; the Emcee removes contestants from slide deck as Judges eliminate them as a group
  - ATR Idol is selected during Round 4
  - Emcee facilitates a group discussion if time

Contest Rules

ROUND 1.

Eliminate contestants with inappropriate content.

ROUND 2.

Eliminate contestants that don’t meet at least two of the four part comment structure.

ROUND 3.

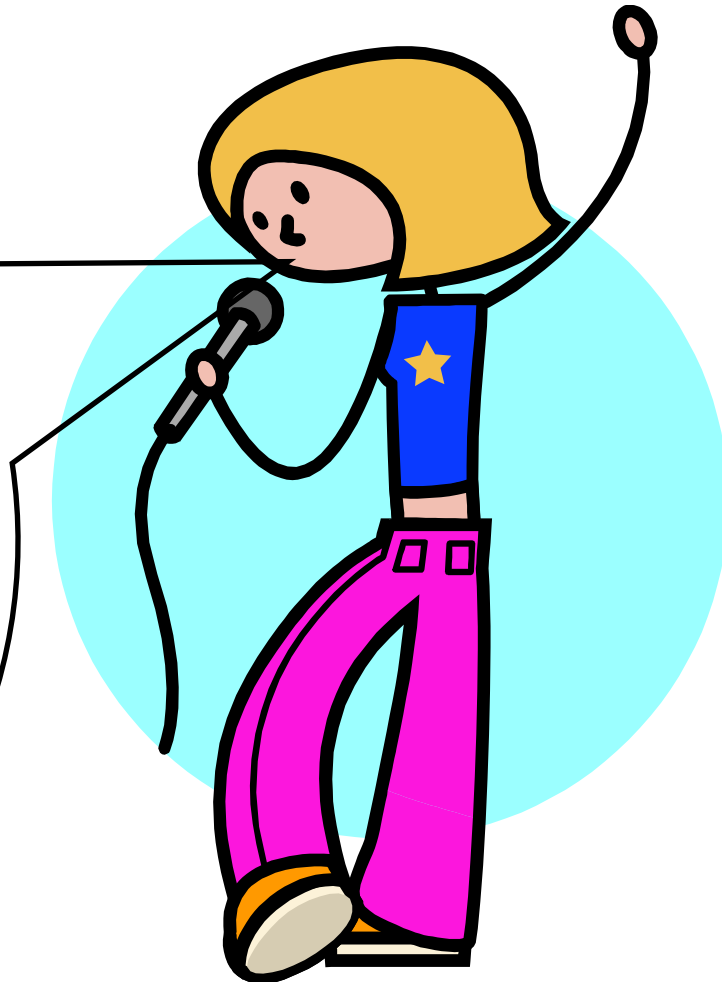
Eliminate contestants that don’t meet at least three of the four part comment structure.

FINAL ROUND.

Select the winner!

Contestant 1

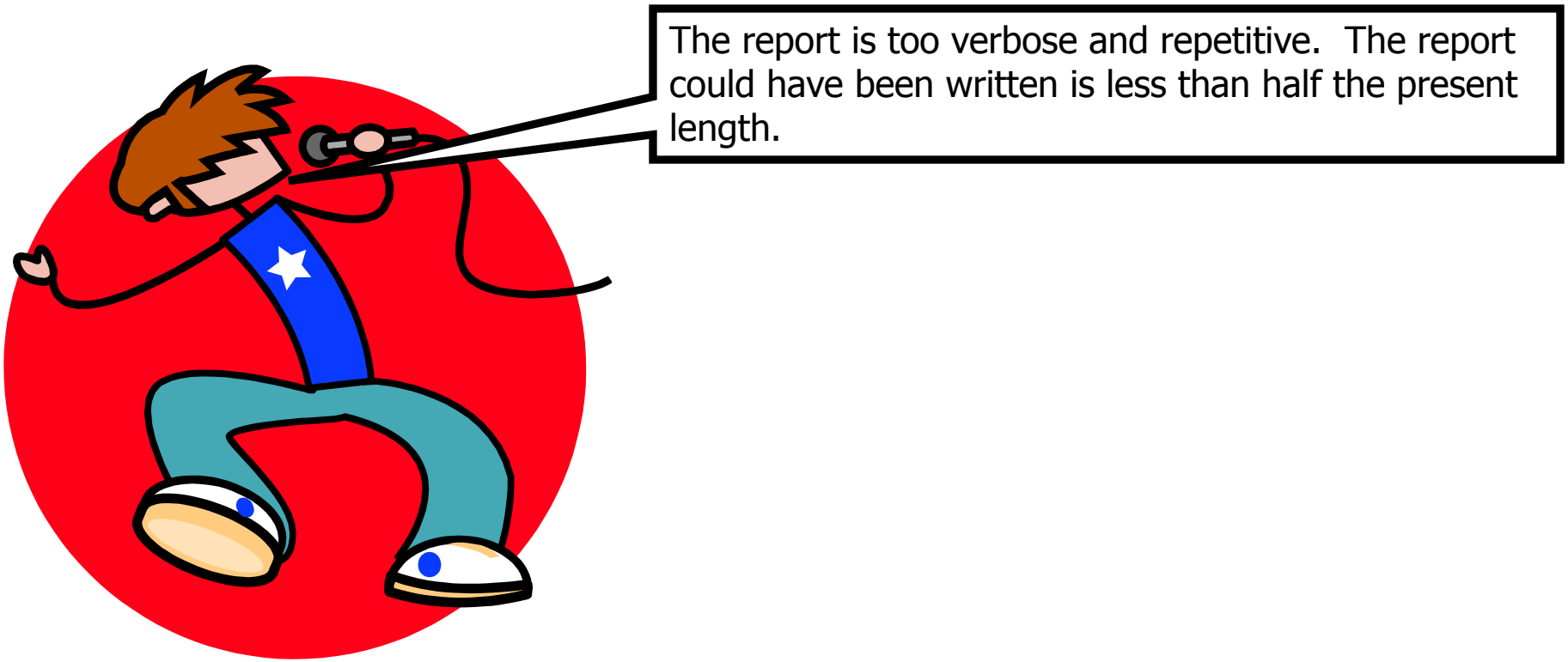
Paragraph 3 and 4 discuss the scarcity of high quality instream aquatic habitat in the targeted stream reaches, but does not provide a larger context for scarcity. Recommend addition of information regarding the quality of instream aquatic habitat in the Rocky River and tributaries and the quality of habitat in the targeted stream reach relative to the rest of the streams in the watershed.



Contestant 2

It appears that the impervious conditions in the watershed may limit the ability of the project to produce measurable habitat improvements based on the relationships between % imperviousness and channel stability, water quality and stream biodiversity presented in the report. The document utilizes percent area of impervious surfaces in the watershed as an indicator of hydrologic degradation and correlates percent imperviousness with degraded channel stability, water quality, and stream biodiversity. The document states that streams with greater than 25% impervious surfaces would be expected to have unstable channel morphologies, fair to poor water quality and poor stream biodiversity. Existing imperviousness for the 3 stream reaches ranges from 41.6-48.7 % and future without project imperviousness is predicted to range from 48.4-54.9. With the maximum project alternatives the future-with-project imperviousness for One, Two and Three Mile Branches would be 15, 43, and 44, respectively. By the standards presented in Table 6 the maximum plans presented would move the One Mile Branch from a non-supporting stream to an impacted stream, but Two and Three Mile Branches would remain non-supporting (>25% imperviousness). Based on the classification system presented and the proposed alternatives it is not evident that the BMPs would effectively produce any biological improvement on Two and Three Mile Branches.

Contestant 3

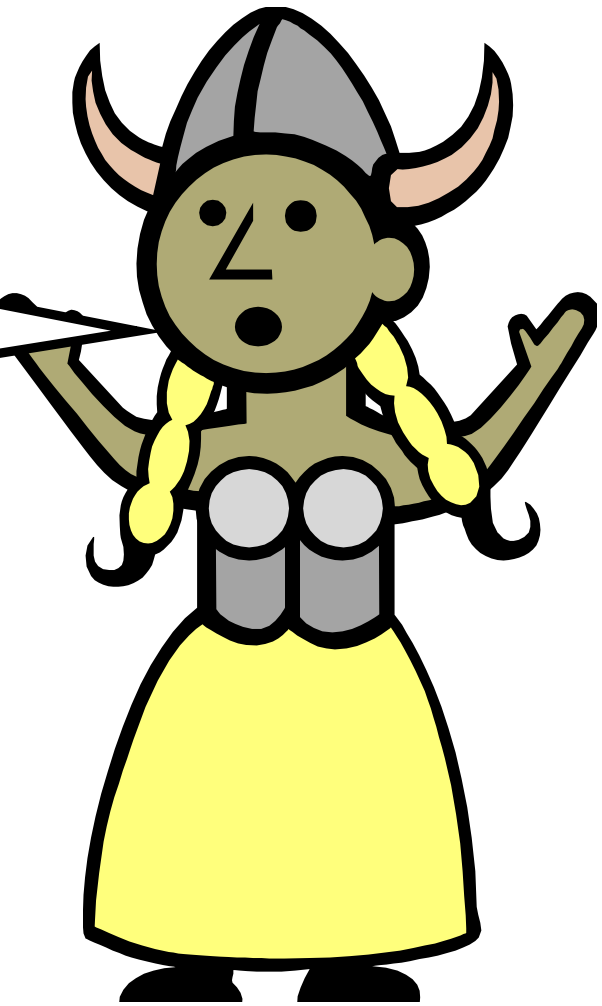


Contestant 4

The annual benefits reported in Table 16 are not annualized. According to ER 1105-2-100 Paragraph E-35 c. ecosystem restoration outputs should be compared on an average annual basis taking into consideration that outputs vary over time. For the project, ecosystem outputs were not averaged over time. Instead, alternatives were compared based on conditions at some future point in time without consideration of how the change from existing conditions to the various with project conditions. Recommend applying the formula for calculating average annual habitat units (AAHUs) from FWS guidance and using net AAHUs for conducting CE-ICA. Target years should be selected based on how quickly the project would produce habitat benefits.

Contestant 5

It does not appear that the VISTA model for calculating transportation related benefits has been certified. This could be an issue despite the numerous previous applications of the model. Recommend early vertical teaming and PCX coordination if they haven't already occurred.



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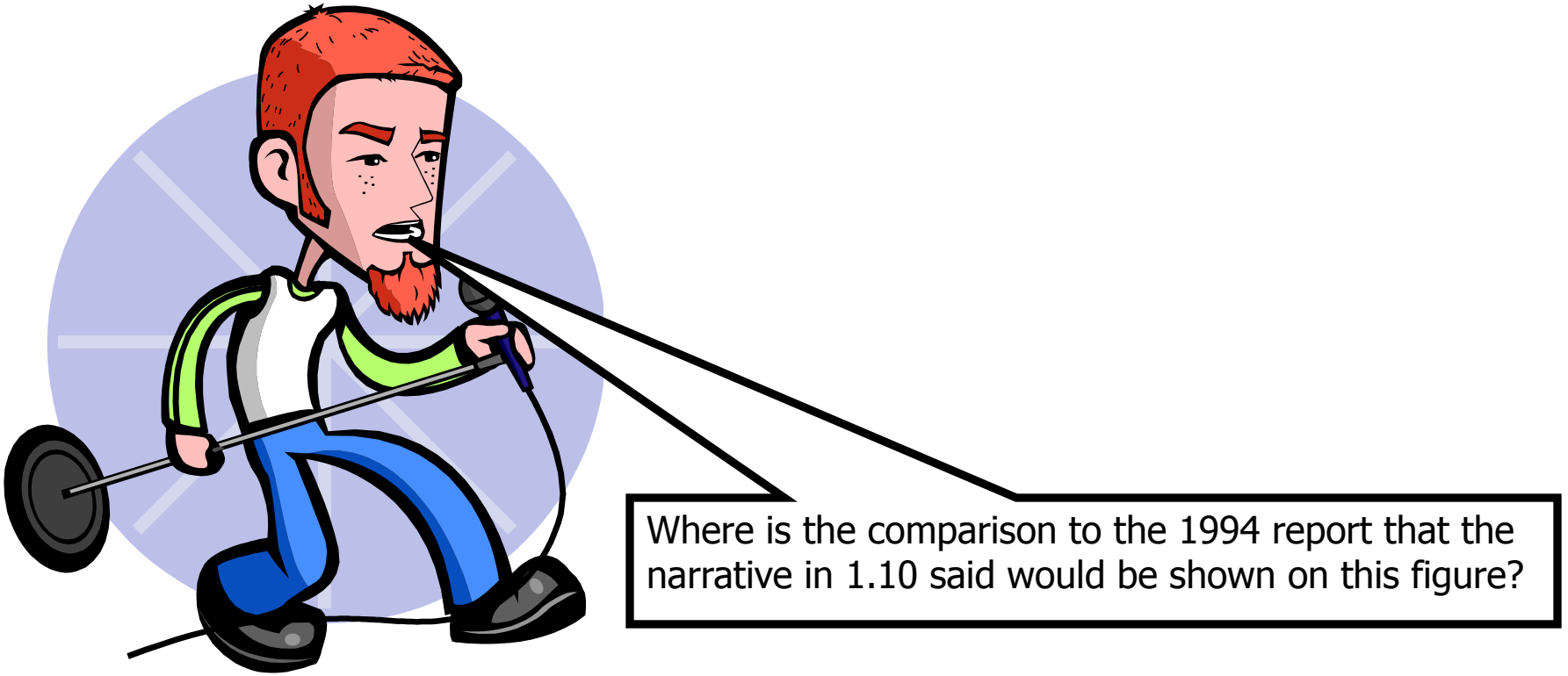
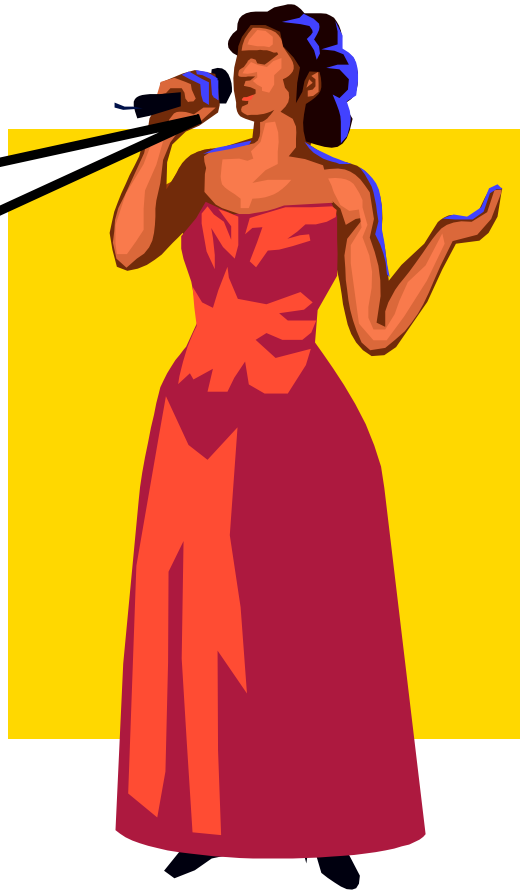


Contestant 7

The report does not adequately summarize the results of the Study. The summary in Section B. i.a. (Problems Needs and Opportunities/Problems/Flood Damage Assessment) provides a summary of the differences in the two studies but doesn't address the residual damages on the main stem. Section B. i.a.1. Historic Flooding refers to the Economics appendix of the 1999 study and present a summary of remaining damages by category (baseline and future). Recent Corps HQ reviewer guidance has indicated that important information should be summarized instead of references. Lack of explanation may bring unnecessary scrutiny on the study and detract from other more important issues. Reviewers may wonder why the previous Study only recommended 6 projects if there were $22 million dollars in residual damages on the mainstem. It is recommended that a summary of the study results be included in the Existing Conditions, Future without Project Conditions, or Problems Needs and Opportunities sections. Items to include would be the amount of damages prevented from the 6 projects, the BCR info, construction cost, and why an LRR was needed.

Contestant 8

The total costs of the alternatives are not presented. Recommend adding a table that includes construction, operation and maintenance, and real estate costs for each alternative. Adding operation and maintenance costs to the CE/ICA would make Alternative 1BRS less cost effective.



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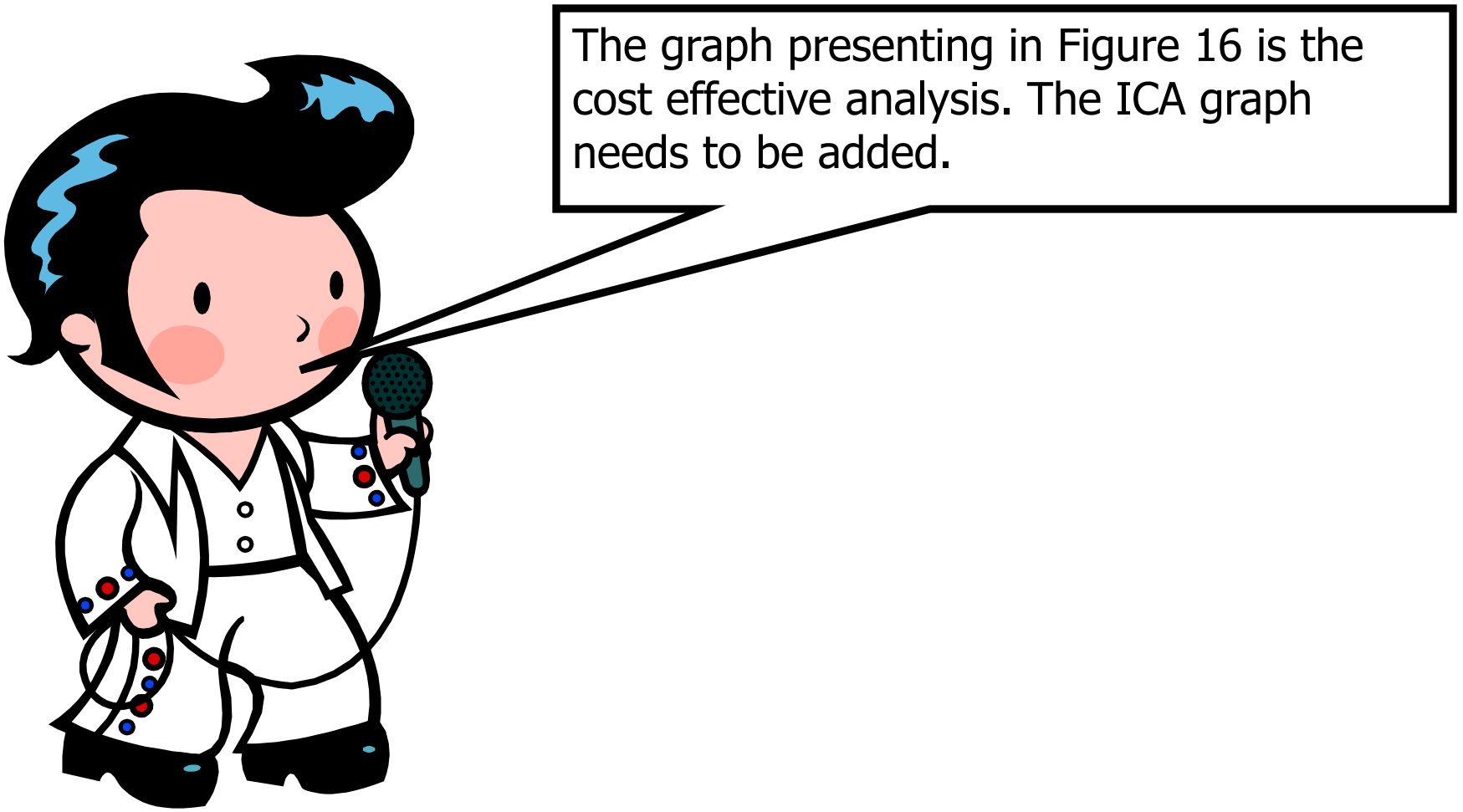

Contestant 10

yellows do not show up well on screen or when printed - very hard to read so therefore confusing.